

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Press cage bar for a device for expressing liquids, which is bounded by at least one pressing edge in the area of a wear surface of a hard layer and which, in the area of at least one lateral face of the body of the cage bar, has at least two spacers ~~one spacer~~ that are ~~is~~ raised above the lateral face, wherein the body has a substantially rectangular cross section having an upper surface formed by the wear surface, the wear surface being angled, wherein each the spacer (15) is formed as a deposit weld on the lateral face (21) of the cage bar (8); that each the spacer (15) is provided with a certain bottom clearance (20) from the underside (17) of the cage bar (8), which is on the opposite side of the cage bar from the wear surface (11); that each the spacer (15) extends along the lateral face (21) no farther than to the hard layer (14); that the extent of each the spacer (15) transversely to a longitudinal axis (9) of the lateral face (21) is greater than its extent in the direction of the longitudinal axis (9) of the lateral face

(21); and that each ~~the~~ spacer (15) has increasing thickness (22) perpendicular to the lateral face (21) in a direction extending from the hard layer (14) towards the underside (17) of the cage bar (8), wherein the surface of each ~~the~~ spacer (15) that faces away from the lateral face (21) is ground, wherein each ~~the~~ spacer is shaped so that the spacing region between neighboring cage bars extends and increases from the hard layer in the direction of the underside, the spacers being spaced from one another along the lateral face (21).

2. (Currently amended) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each ~~the~~ spacer (15) has a certain amount of top clearance (19) from the hard layer (14).

3. (Currently amended) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the end of each ~~the~~ spacer (15) that faces the hard layer (14) has a rounded contour.

4. (Currently amended) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the end of each ~~the~~ spacer (15) that faces away from the hard layer (14) has a rounded contour.

5. (Currently amended) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each ~~the~~ spacer (15) has an essentially elongated oval shape.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the longitudinal axis of each ~~the~~ spacer (15) extends essentially transversely to the longitudinal axis of the lateral face (21).

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) Press cage bar in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each ~~the~~ spacer (15) is made of a material that contains chromium carbide.

10. (Currently Amended) Device for expressing liquids, which has at least one press cage bar, which is bounded by at least one pressing edge in the area of a wear surface and which, in the area of at least one lateral face of the body of the cage bar, has at least two spacers ~~one spacer~~ that are ~~is~~ raised above the lateral face, wherein the body has a substantially

rectangular cross section having an upper surface formed by the wear surface, the wear surface being angled; wherein each the spacer (15) is formed as a deposit weld on the lateral face (21) of the cage bar (8); that each the spacer (15) is provided with a certain bottom clearance (20) from the underside (17) of the cage bar (8), which is on the opposite side of the cage bar from the wear surface (11); that each the spacer (15) extends along the lateral face (21) no farther than to the hard layer (14); that the extent of each the spacer (15) transversely to a longitudinal axis (9) of the lateral face (21) is greater than its extent in the direction of the longitudinal axis (9) of the lateral face (21); and that each the spacer (15) has increasing thickness (22) perpendicular to the lateral face (21) in a direction extending from the hard layer (14) towards the underside (17) of the cage bar (8) , wherein the surface of each the spacer (15) that faces away from the lateral face (21) is ground, wherein the spacer is shaped so that the spacing region between neighboring cage bars extends and expands from the hard layer in the direction of the underside, the spacers being spaced from one another along the lateral face (21).

11. (Currently amended) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein each ~~the~~ spacer (15) has a certain amount of top clearance (19) from the hard layer.

12. (Currently amended) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the end of each ~~the~~ spacer (15) that faces the hard layer (14) has a rounded contour.

13. (Currently amended) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the end of each ~~the~~ spacer (15) that faces away from the hard layer (14) has a rounded contour.

14. (Currently amended) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein each ~~the~~ spacer (15) has an essentially elongated oval shape.

15. (Currently amended) Device in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the longitudinal axis of each ~~the~~ spacer (15) extends essentially transversely to the longitudinal axis of the lateral face (21).

16. (Canceled)

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17. (Currently amended) Device in accordance with Claim 10,
wherein each the spacer (15) is made of a material that contains
chromium carbide.